

REMARKS

Election/restriction

Pursuant to the restriction requirement issued by the Examiner, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1, 2 and 17 and withdraw claims 3, 4-16 and 22 from further consideration.

Claims

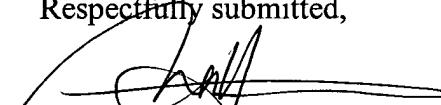
Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to provide minor clarifications. Claims 23-37 have been added. Support for these newly added claims can be readily found in the specification. No new matter has been introduced.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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